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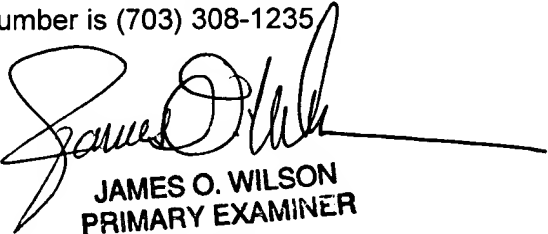
An action on the merits of claims 1-13, 16-24 is contained herein below.

All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, *ex parte* prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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